

FEDERAL FACILITIES FORUM TELECONFERENCE

June 14, 2001

UPDATE ON OUTSTANDING FORUM ISSUES

Forum members provided updates on outstanding issues identified during the May 2001 TSP meeting in San Diego, CA:

- ▶ Minor changes to EPA's draft final FUDS policy are being made to reflect comments from the FUDS Improvement Working Group.
- ▶ The first pilot Internet training on analytical methods for UXO was held on June 4, 2001. Following revision of the training course to reflect comments from the pilot participants, the course will be offered again on August 28 and 30, 2001.
- ▶ Regional staff have been advised to work primarily with FFRRO, rather than the IC national workgroup, to resolve IC issues. Additionally, regional staff are discouraged from attempting to create IC policy through the development of CERCLA documentation such as RODs.
- ▶ Representatives from the U.S. Air Force will meet in Dallas (August 8-9) with staff from Regions 5, 6, 7, and 8 at an Air Force - Regulator Restoration Summit. This year's meeting will include a presentation on the Air Force's view of the perchlorate issue. Suggested Roundtable Topics for this meeting include: Land Use Controls, Permits Policy, Privatization, Defense/State Memorandum of Agreement (DSMOA) Funding, Government Performance Results Act (GPRA)/Defense Planning Guidance (DPG), Long Term Costs at BRAC Bases, Last Remedy in Place/Construction Complete, RA Reports as Primary Documents in Federal Facility Agreements (FFAs), Optimization, and Formerly Used Defense Sites.
- ▶ Sediment site data collection is underway in response to the questionnaire recently distributed by Larry Reed (OSW).
- ▶ EPA requirements for risk assessment on PCBs in paint at a Region 5 Navy site have been received favorably by the Naval Warfare System in Indianapolis. Craig Thomas (Region 5) participated in a recent Superfund Technical Liaison (STL) meeting to discuss STL interactions with the Forum. At that time, meeting participants agreed to investigate the possibility of preparing an issue paper on risk assessment for PCBs in paint.

REGION 9 TECHNICAL ISSUES

Landfills at Closing Bases. Glenn Kistner (Region 9) described problems that have arisen at McLeod Air Force Base, where plutonium and other radioactive materials were found in drums disposed at an on-site landfill. Discovery of the drums has led to extensive public comment and requests for complete removal of the plutonium. As a result, the landfill material will be removed and transferred in entirety from this single site at a cost of \$30 million. Discovery of the disposed plutonium also has generated questions concerning the need and approach for determining whether other landfills also contain radioactive materials, including the additional ones located at McLeod.

Steve Hirsh (Region 3) indicated that aerial surveys have been conducted in Region 3 to address these types of questions. The surveys have been used with good results, and have allowed for the identification of areas with radioactive leakage. Currently, Ken Brown (ORD/Las Vegas) is evaluating survey information collected at Aberdeen Proving Ground, and can provide additional information to the Forum after the evaluation is complete.

NARPM - Federal Facilities Forum Interaction. Renee Wynn (FFRRO) has requested the Forum to conduct more extensive outreach to groups such as NARPM and the ITRC. Topics of interest to the

Forum and these groups include lead-based paint, FUDS, and DOE policies. To enhance coordination of efforts addressing such common issues, NARPM recently established a federal facility panel. Additional integration of the Forum with other common-interest groups is anticipated, but not necessarily to the extent of Forum membership.

FEDERAL FACILITIES FORUM OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

Chris Villarreal (Region 6) described additional outreach activities that are underway or planned in response to TIO requests for a broader base of communication and project sharing. In Region 6, for example, minutes from the May 2001 TSP meeting will be distributed to key personnel in Region 6 states and other pertinent agencies.

OPEN MIKE

Harry Craig (Region 10) noted that a claim has been made by a vendor that its perchlorate method (ORC) used at a Region 10 site is proprietary. Members did not express similar experiences, but inquired as to how the data were being used. Harry Craig stated that the data were being for the site's risk assessment and that the proprietary claim was being challenged.

ATTENDEES

Stacie Driscoll, Region 3
Steve Hirsh, Region 3
Jim Barksdale, Region 4
Gary Schafer, Region 5
Craig Thomas, Region 5
Chris Villarreal, Region 6
Scott Marquess, Region 7
Glenn Kistner, Region 9
Harry Craig, Region 10
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